GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL INNOVATIONS FOUNDATION
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Innovations Foundation has been established;

(b) if so, the details of the functions thereof; Â© whether nodal officers are also being appointed to help the innovation at village level; and

(d) if so; the States where nodal officers have been appointed/yet to be appointed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AN PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The National Innovation Foundation has been established as a registeredsociety under the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India in March, 2000.

(b) The National Innovation Foundation will build a National Register and data baseof innovations at the grass root level; link local innovators with science and technology experts in formal and informal sectors; forge linkages among innovators, investors and entrepreneurs; set up a few incubators at leading academic and other locations; organize periodic clearing houses for innovators to meet among themselves; support joint ventures or other national and global initiatives of innovators; institutes stipends, scholarships to outstanding students and innovators; undertake publication in the form of papers, books particularly in local languages for disseminating and augmenting grass root innovations; receive grants, gifts, loans, donations in cash and securities, and support value addition in traditional as well as contemporary knowledge innovations and practices developed by local individual healers, herbalists, artisanals and other knowledge experts as well as communities.

(c) & (d) The State Governments of Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Union Territory of Lakshadweep have identified their nodal point to promote the activities of the National Innovation Foundation atthe district and block/taluk level.